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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ADELMAN et al.

Application No.: 09/254,590

Filed: May 24, 1999

For: SMALL AND INTERMEDIATE
CONDUCTANCE, CALCIUM-
ACTIVATED POTASSIUM
CHANNELS AND USES THEREOF

Examiner: Michael D. Pak

Art Unit: 1646

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 100-106 are pending in the present application. Appendix A provides the pending claims for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants note that claim 100 is a genus claim linking the dependent species claims 101-106. As such, upon allowance of a linking genus claim, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn with respect to the species claims. MPEP 809.03. Applicants further note that when the requirement for restriction is predicated